BEFORE THE BEFORE COMMISSION

COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Preferred Long Distance, Inc.

Application for Certificate of Service : Authority to operate as a provider of : local and interexchange telecommunications : services throughout the State of Illinois :

Oocket No. 07-0265

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

NOW COMES Preferred Long Distance, Inc. ("Applicant") and hereby moves the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for an order protecting Applicant's income statement, balance sheet and Chart of Accounts ("Financial Documents") from disclosure for not less than five (5) years in order to protect highly proprietary information included therein. The Financial Documents are appended as Exhibits E and G to Applicant's *Application for Certificate to Become a Telecommunications Carrier*, which was filed with the Commission contemporaneously with this motion. In support of its Motion, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant has filed an *Application for Certificate to Become a Telecommunications*Carrier ("Application") with the Commission contemporaneously with this motion.
- 2. Appended as Exhibits E and G to the Application, as required by the Commission's rules, are Applicant's most recent Financial Statements and its Chart of Accounts.
- 3. The Financial Statements and Chart of Accounts contain highly proprietary and confidential financial information, the disclosure of which to competitors or potential competitors would be detrimental to Applicant.
- 4. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive, and it is imperative that public disclosure of confidential information contained in the Application be avoided for a

period of at least five years following the issuance of an order by the Commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Applicant.

5. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g) exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information ... where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential." The Financial Statements, which are the subject matter of this Motion, fall within this exemption.

6. Applicant seeks an order from this Commission protecting from disclosure in its entirety Applicant's Financial Statements and Chart of Accounts for a period of not less than five years.

FURTHER, pursuant to ILL. ADMIN. CODE title 83, §200.525 (1996), Applicant respectfully requests that this motion be heard and decided without formal hearing.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order protecting from disclosure in its entirety Applicant's Financial Statements for a period of not less than five years.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16th day of April, 2007.

for Preferred Long Distance, Inc.

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